NEWSLETTER

ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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RESEARCH DIVISION

Congratulations to George and Gloria Hanson; recently they became proud parents of a four-month old baby girl, ready-made and delivered. Her name is Heather Camilla Hanson.

Mr. Katsukiko Kondo, a PHD candidate of the University of North Carolina is visiting us to finish his research work on the chromosome study of camellias. He has studied samples of camellias collected from here, Descanso Gardens, Huntington Library and many other camellia-growing areas. He is also an expert on insectivorous plants. On September 29, he presented an interesting seminar on the subject with the best collection of slides we have ever seen.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

The first training session for volunteer field trip leaders took place Monday, October 2, with 18 prospective new field leaders and 18 current field leaders in attendance. This is the best showing of new recruits to date.

In the initial session the objectives of the field trip program were reviewed, information and study sheets were distributed, and a reading list was suggested. After a brief meeting and discussion, the prospective field leaders accompanied staff and volunteer guides on school field trips to become familiar with the areas where the field trips take place and to observe the techniques of relating to students.

DESCANSO GARDENS DIVISION

The recent bonsai show held at the gardens was well attended. There were more than 200 entries for visitors to inspect.

The Wilson Pipe Line contractors are making great progress in the installation of the new peripheral water lines at the gardens. They started the job three weeks ago and are more than half through already.

Frances Raitt has returned to the switch board after vacationing a month agross the Canadian border from Vancouver to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Don Graf is recuperating after leading a troupe of Boy Scouts to San Simeon.

Tony Leija wrote that he started to Hawaii and his wife hijacked him to Santa Barbara and Oceanside.

Mark Anthony paid a visit to the gardens last Thursday. Mark is recuperating at home.

Fred Galle, director of Horticulture at Calloway Gardens in Georgia, was a recent visitor to the gardens.

The newest visitor to the bird sanctuary is a Canadian honker. Also seen in the lake area were a kingfish and the great blue heron. Each year the blue heron would come in by himself and the boys thought that he was a loner, but this time he appears to have a mate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Don't forget that open enrollment for health plans will begin this month on October 20th. All those interested in joining for the first time, changing to another plan or making coverage changes may do so by getting forms from the business office. All changes or new enrollments must be in no later than November 2nd.

Winners of tickets to the new L.A. Sharks Hockey Team's opening game are:

Chris Van Wagner	Marge Wood
Helen Accordino	Don Graf
Joyce Day	Dan'l Addis
Dennis Sheridan	Sandy Snider

Congratulations!!

Schedules for the C.A.F. Softball Team are available in the business office. Come support your flower all-stars -- We need you!!

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

The South Bay Herb Society held their annual meeting and membership drive at the garden on Sunday September 24 (memberships are available at any time for $3 per year).

Birds observed on the September bird walk included: California quail, cliff swallow, black phoebe, scrub jay, song sparrow, loggerhead shrike, house finch, brown towhee.

Plants now in bloom are: Buddejua Colvilei, Abelia grandiflora, Hibiscus "President", Vitex chinensis and negundo, Solanum rantonnetii (Paraguay Nightshade), Odontospermum sericeum, Crocosmia masonotum, Polygala apopetala. Prunus cerasifera is also blooming, although this is a rather unusual time for it to do so.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Hello and goodbye section: Karen Asher arrived October 1 to become the Lasca Education Assistant replacing Ken Powell who is leaving to continue his education. Karen comes to us from Monrovia Nursery where she has had varied horticultural experience. She holds a degree in horticulture from Kansas State University. Welcome Karen!

Friday, October 13th is a bad luck day for the Division but a good luck day for Pat Robison who will be leaving us for a better position in industry. Adios and the best of luck to Pat.

The Plant Science Library has just received a valuable and unexpected gift of five volumes on North American Sylva - three volumes by Michaux and two volumes by Nuttall. These books were published in 1859 and contain 277 exquisite color plates. Both authors were early explorers who were among the first to describe species of forest trees of this continent.

Adult Education courses are in full swing at all three gardens. Over 650 persons are registered in the 17 courses of the fall semester.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

The staff picnic was cancelled because of poor weather, but rain or shine, snow or sleet, flood or high water, there is going to be a Christmas party. It's going to be great fun and will be held in the Lecture Hall on Saturday, December 16th.

More about the Vegetable Garden: Now is the time to think about fall planting and annual flower and vegetable plants. The Las Voluntarias are doing just that and will be developing a large vegetable and flower garden north of the seasonal work center. (Deciduous Work Center).

Meadow Brook is under way, soil is being moved and the stream is beginning to take shape.